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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
MEASURING AND PRICING  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated JULY 3, 2002 for the above-identified patent application. A Petition for Extension of time for a period of one month and the requisite fee accompany this amendment. The period for response is, therefore, set to expire on November 4, 2002, and this is a response within the extension period. In response to the Office Action, the Applicants wish to amend the Patent Application as follows: In the Claims, amend Claims 1, 6, 12, 15 and 16 as set forth on the following pages.